

# Friends of Indian Education for All

February 28, 2007

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The Honorable Representative John Parker, Minority Leader of the House

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Sincerely,

Name	School	Title
Michael R. Pierre	KWH-Ronan	Parent
Monica Wall	Dixon, Pablo, Ronan (KWH)	Grandparent
Shade O Parker	Ronan KWH	parent
Leonard Quequesah	Pre-School ST. Ignatius	Grandparent
Thomas Maestas	Pre-School ST. Ignatius	Grandparent
Quang Beano	Hot Springs	Grandparent

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Name	School	Title
Cheryl B Parker	Arlee School	PARENT
Marie Syant Polson	Middle School	Great-Grandmother
Corky Sias	Polson High School	PARENT
Stephanie Moriceau	EARLY HEAD START	<del>Parent</del> Parent
Carol McDonald	Ronan-KWH	Parent
Angela Hawkins	Early Head Start	Parent
Anthony Plout	Dixon	Grand Parent

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Terry L Tanner	Ronan	CSKT. work project comm.
Carla Morigeau	Ronan	SBK Housing
Cristen Morigeau	Ronan/NKMSM	THHS Tobacco Prevention
Richard [unclear]	Ronan	Fire Prevention Tech
Lana Lewankow	Dayton/Pdson	CSKT Education Dep.
Michael Buckman	Ronan	Buckman Research
Terry Kopp	S. Ignatius	parent/grandparent

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